

House Resolution No. 4327

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Ebenezer “Stone” Church is located on Stone Church Road in western Franklin County midway between the towns of New Haven and Gerald; and

Whereas, Ebenezer “Stone” Church was founded on June 12, 1854, by twelve male settlers from Westphalia, Germany, and dedicated its first church building on July 9, 1854; and

Whereas, to replace the original log structure, the present church building was constructed between the years of 1863 to 1865 in a style of architecture which is reminiscent of a nineteenth century village church in northern Germany; and

Whereas, Ebenezer “Stone” Church successfully has weathered many changes down through the years, including the shift from German to English as the language used in worship, the introduction of individual communion cups to replace the traditional chalice, and the incorporation of women’s voting rights in church meetings; and

Whereas, Sesquicentennial Anniversary services were begun at Ebenezer “Stone” Church on April 18, 2004, with a reunion of Confirmands, and the final anniversary event took place on Sunday, October 17, 2004, when three former pastors were present for an Anniversary Mission Festival:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar, and ongoing history of Ebenezer “Stone” Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and our best wishes upon the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of that illustrious religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ebenezer “Stone” Church of Franklin County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles Schlottach
District No. 111

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4327, adopted October 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker